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SUBJECT: 4TH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. PREP COM CONCLUDED LATE SATURDAY NIGHT WITH DRAFT MEXICO DECLARATION CONTAINING A NUMBER OF BRACKETS, PARTICULARLY ON LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO ODA, TRADE, FOOD AID AND FOOD SECURITY. WHILE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THESE MAY BE DROPPED EASILY IN MINISTERIAL SESSION, THERE WAS NO TIME TO DEBATE THEM FURTHER IN PREP COM AND STILL HAVE PRINTED DOCUMENT TO DISTRIBUTE TO MINISTERS ON SUNDAY. SOME BRACKETS WERE INCLUDED MERELY BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME TO DISCUSS.

2. AT MINISTERIAL DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT TANCO DECIDED NOT TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN MANILA BUT RATHER TO USE HIS VICE PRESIDENTS TO INITIATE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS AND WORK ON ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE IN TEXTS NOW BRACKETED. DELEGATION INITIAL REACTION IS THAT IT WILL NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WHICH CONCERNED DELEGATIONS CAN LIVE WITH BUT WE ARE NOT SURE (GIVEN THE ABILITY OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS AND PERFORMANCE SO FAR) THAT PROCEDURE TANCO HAS SUGGESTED IS THE BEST. WE WILL URGE WORKING GROUP
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DESIGNATION IF EARLY PROGRESS THROUGH VP'S IS NOT APPARENT.

3. TANCO INFORMED MINISTERS THAT SYG WALDHEIM AND HE HAVE NARROWED CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES TO TWO PERSONS, NAMELY WILLIAMS AND AHMED. OF THESE TWO HE IDENTIFIED WILLIAMS AS HAVING THE BROADER BACKGROUND

QUALIFICATIONS. HE DID NOT PRESS ISSUE FURTHER BUT SAID
HE WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH MINISTERS THROUGHOUT SESSION.
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